

A message was received from the Governor transmitting the following communication :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }  
FEBRUARY 13, 1858. }

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*and House of Representatives :*

I return herewith, without approval, a bill for the relief of Thomas Stayton, to the Senate in which it originated. There is no evidence before me that there is any relief due to the applicant. The bill authorizes and requires the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a certificate for 640 acres of land, &c., to be located, surveyed and patented, as other Peter's colony certificates. It would seem from this that the donation is made because of the rights of the party as a colonist. After due examination I have been unable to learn that there exists any evidence in the Land Office, nor is there any other before me, to that effect.

Signed,

H. R. RUNNELS.

Laid on the table.